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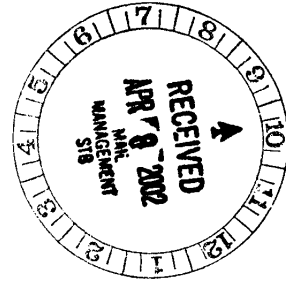
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MARQUETTE, KANSAS 67464

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RE: Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP") and Central Kansas Railway Company ("CKR")
Abandonment in McPherson County, Kansas, Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 158X) for UP and No. AB-406
(Sub-No. 12X) for CKR. REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF DECISION

Dear Mr. Williams:

This letter is written to protest the decision of March 28, 2002. In the event of a national emergency, there will be no opportunity to reclaim this route. With reference to the denial of the requested railbanking to the City of Marquette, the following facts are pertinent and will make a case for railbanking this route segment to protect it for any future national emergency.

1. This is the only reasonable route through this part of the country. This particular segment lies in an area of difficult terrain for rail construction. There is a major flood plain on the south and hills for difficult terrain on the north.
2. If not protected, this rail segment will be in the direct path of expansion of the City. The City and developers will build through this area.
3. This route segment lies at the western end of a complex of rail lines. With reference to regional rail routes, this segment of line is at the center of the "Y" with a secondary route running in a northeasterly direction to Salina, Kansas. This route was formerly owned by the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company and could be reclaimed in a national emergency. The main potential line runs east to Lindsborg to Bridgeport to Kansas City. Another potential line branches off from Lindsborg to Salina, Kansas.
4. In the interim, pending a national emergency, this route segment would be protected by locally serving a high pedestrian use. This is a regional rail path to the West and has the potential for high public use.
5. Based on the above facts, we respectfully request that the decision of March 28, 2002 be reversed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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